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being adapted to flex the legs, on engagement with the retainer part, to move the legs towards one another, characterized by the legs being mutually joined at respective distal ends thereof.

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7. A locking mechanism as claimed in claim 1 in which the legs form a diamond shape.

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8. A locking mechanism as claimed in claim 1 in which each leg has an inner surface and an outer surface, the outer surface being longer than the inner surface.

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13. A locking mechanism as claimed in claim 12 in which each connector protrusion has a chamfered surface for riding over the annular ledge and an opposing step surface for engagement behind the ledge.

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16. A locking mechanism for a medical device comprising a retainer part for retaining medical sharp devices, the retainer part including at least one connector portion thereof adapted for engagement against a body part of a medical sharp device, and a connector part, the connector part being adapted for movement to engage the connector portion for connection therewith, movement of the connector part once connected to the connector portion causing movement of the retainer part, the connector portion comprising two flexible legs, the connector part being adapted to flex the legs, on engagement with the connector portion, to move the legs towards one another, characterized by the legs being mutually joined at respective distal ends thereof.

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19. A locking mechanism as claimed in claim 16 in which the legs are joined together in a diamond shape.

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20. A locking mechanism as claimed in claim 16 in which each said leg includes a formation adapted for engagement with a recess formed in the body part.

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21. A locking mechanism as claimed in claim 16 in which the connector part includes a generally cylindrically bore, the bore being adapted to receive each said leg on engagement of the connector part therewith.

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31. An assembly as claimed in claim 26 in which the fluid container is formed with an annular internal recess at the axial point at which the neck portion meets the shoulder thereof, and in which the needle retainer includes at least one formation adapted to engage with the recess for retaining the needle retainer in position in the fluid container.

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32. An assembly as claimed in claim 31 in which the formation is releasable from the recess for enabling movement of the needle assembly along the fluid container.

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Please add new claims 57 and 58 as follows:

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57. A locking mechanism as claimed in claim 1 in which the distal ends of the legs are joined together as a V-shaped end portion.

58. A locking mechanism as claimed in claim 16 in which the distal ends of the legs are joined together as a V-shaped end portion.
